

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
USSN 10/791,379
Attorney Docket Q80158
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 5-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action Claims 6-7 and 12 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-2 and 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schrewe (5,584,533). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schrewe in view of Miotto (6,120,096). Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schrewe in view of Britain et al. (5,765,914). Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schrewe in view of Miotto. Claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schrewe in view of Johnson et al. (US 2004/0155502). Claims 4-7 and 16 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By way of this amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 4 and has amended Claim 16 to be in independent form. Thus, it is submitted that the application is now allowable.

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If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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